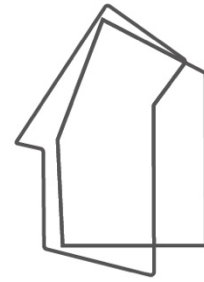


OPEN CALL FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS & SUPERVISORS

Doctoral Programme New Social Housing



We are excited to announce an **open call for applications to the pilot year of the international and interdisciplinary doctoral programme *New Social Housing*** at TU Wien. We invite highly motivated doctoral students together with their supervisors from TU Wien's Faculty of Architecture and Spatial Planning with diverse disciplinary backgrounds –architecture, spatial planning, social sciences, and beyond—to contribute to this evolving field and engage in cross-disciplinary research and collaboration. Join us in advancing the future of housing studies, policy, and practice and build your international research network!

Highly dynamic political, social, ecological, and political transitions bring a number of challenges to the provision of housing today. As a complex research field, housing includes the design of buildings, housing as a form of practice, and housing regimes and policies but, also, an ideological and epistemological component. Housing studies at the intersection of basic and applied research require new transdisciplinary methodological approaches and perspectives across positions of Global North and South. To pursue these challenges and requirements, **this international and interdisciplinary doctoral programme pilot year** (starting November 2024) seeks to establish an 'open-minded dialogue across scales and positions' (Powell & Simone, 2022) on the topic of *New Social Housing*.

The thematic focus of the programme will be social housing in its broad definition as common good and transdisciplinary methodological approaches in housing studies. In particular with regard to the Sustainable Development Goal 11 'Sustainable Cities and Communities' with SDG 11.1 'Safe and Affordable Housing', we will develop new formats for knowledge transfer and cooperation, available for all programme participants. The proposed programme brings **added value through the inter/transdisciplinary approach and peer-supervision & learning**. The didactical approach of the programme – with cross-disciplinary supervision, workshops focussed on problem-based-learning and collaborative research settings – **seeks to develop a peer-culture in doctoral education**. During the pilot year, you will be **part of an international doctoral group** with peers and supervisors from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, School of Habitat Studies (Prof. Amita Bhide), Politecnico Milano, Dipartimento di Architettura e Studi Urbani (Prof. Massimo Bricocoli), Universidade de São Paulo, Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo (Prof. Raquel Rolnik), possibly additional partners, and the City of Vienna (MA50) as a collaborator for transdisciplinary exchange. The **EXCITE initiative's** project team with Selim Banabak (FoB Stadt- und Regionalforschung, Institut für Raumplanung), Bernadette Krejs (FoB Wohnbau und Entwerfen, Institut für Architektur und Entwerfen) and Judith M. Lehner (Research Center for New Social Housing, future.lab) will coordinate teaching activities and organize the scientific exchange.

Programme structure

The programme offers complementary training activities to the doctoral curriculum of TU Wien or home universities of the doctoral students and is to be considered as additional support for the doctoral students' research career. Complementary teaching activities and scientific exchange (in English language) include:

- **Programme kick-off** (online with all partners): Mid November 2024 (tba): getting to know each other
- **On-site meetings**: 4 days (#1 at TU Wien February/March 2025, #2 at one partner university June/July 2025 tba): Internal presentation sessions + subsequent writing retreat + Public event
The two on-site meetings are dedicated for an internal, interdisciplinary exchange in classroom sessions amongst the doctoral programme participants and advisors. Additionally, a public keynote fosters international networking for all scientists of TU Wien and beyond. A subsequent writing retreat only for the doctoral students allows immediate implementation of review comments.

- **Research-guided Teaching: Winter- and Summer Webinars:** 2 half-days (January 2025, March/April 2025): The webinars are offered as a course to doctoral students to advance in housing research, present their progress with peer-feedback and/or to improve transferable skills. The transferable skills training can include academic writing and presentation, team skills, preparation for defence. Webinars are co-organized by students and the project organizers.
- **Summer School:** 5 days (Vienna, September 2025): In the framework of the Vienna International Summer School on New Social Housing doctoral students are invited to present their research progress to a broader research community with other participants of the summer school. Through field trips offered by the Summer School, the participants get insights into the Viennese housing system and establish contact to institutions and practitioners.

Responsibilities and expectations:

Participants / doctoral students:

- Participate in all quarterly activities (on-site workshops, webinars and summer school)
- Present work progress and get multi-disciplinary feedback from renown scholars
- Co-organize winter/summer-webinars and acquire new transferable skills
- Submit paper for edited peer-reviewed publication or special issue at the end of the pilot year

Advisors / supervisors:

- Participate fully in two workshops (on-site) with peer-advising participants' work progress
- Support doctoral students in their career path and acquire skills in co-supervision
- Engage in transdisciplinary exchange and in a peer-culture of advising doctoral students in cross-cultural contexts

Costs

For selected doctoral students and their supervisors, the participation in all events of the programme is free of charge. Travel and accommodation to on-site meetings at the partner university is covered by the EXCITE initiative2024 of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, TU Wien. Participation in the Vienna International Summer School on New Social Housing is supported by the City of Vienna, MA50.

Selection procedure

Submission requirements: One A4 motivation letter **jointly written by the doctoral candidate and the supervisor** stating the context and aim of the research and the motivation to take part in the international and interdisciplinary programme. Doctoral students need to be recently enrolled or willing to enrol with a supervisor at TU Wien. The selection for the *New Social Housing* doctoral programme aims at maintaining a balance between students/supervisors from architecture and spatial planning, ensuring a diverse cohort that reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the programme.

Deadline: 6 October 2024 via email to newsocialhousing@tuwien.ac.at (PDF document stating name of doctoral students + supervisor, current stage of doctoral research, aim and motivation)

More information at <https://futurelab.tuwien.ac.at/research-center/new-social-housing/teaching/doctoral-programme-new-social-housing>

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Doctoral Programme Collaborators:

